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SUBJECT: GOVT WINS CONFIDENCE VOTE

1. GOI EASILY DEFEATED MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE LATE OCTOBER 29, BY A VOTE OF 70-65. OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL PARTY ATTACKED ON SEVERAL ISSUES: GOVT'S LACK OF CLEAR NI POLICY, BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND POLITICAL CONFUSION (INSTANCING PM COSGRAVE'S VOTE AGAINST GOVT'S CONTRACEPTION BILL). NEITHER ATTACK NOR DEFENSE WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE.

2. NI POLICY WAS MOST ACTIVE SUBJECT, AND MAIN INNOVATION WAS SUGGESTION BY FONMIN FITZGERALD (DUBLIN 1528) THAT GOI MIGHT TRY TO AMEND CONSTITUTION EVEN IF OPPOSITION DID NOT LEND SUPPORT. LATER IN DEBATE, FURTHER HINTS ALONG SAME LINE WERE DROPPED BY TWO OTHER MINISTERS: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CORISH AND CONOR CRUISE-O'BRIEN. JUSTICE MINISTER COONEY HAD EARLIER MADE SIMILAR SUGGESTION. WITH SO MANY MINISTERS ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF CHANGE, POSSIBILITY IS NOW TAKEN SERIOUSLY THAT GOI MIGHT TRY TO DROP CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF CONSTITUTION. GOVT'S OWN ADVISERS BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE BEST DONE BY INTRODUCING WHOLE NEW DRAFT CONSITUTION RATHER THAN BY ATTEMPTING PIECE-
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MEAL AMENDMENTS. BUT PM COSGRAVE HAS STILL SAID NOTHING ABOUT

HIS PERSONAL POSITION. AFTER HIS PERFORMANCE DURING CONRCEPTION
DEBATE, IT WOULD SEEM RASH TO PLACE ANY BETS UNTIL HE HAS MADE A
COMMITMENT.
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